

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.

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- 6. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 5 wherein the browser provides commands utilizing hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.
- 7. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 5 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface application that is executed on a web application platform.

Please add the following new claims:

- 29. A method for utilizing a database as a service, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) making the database accessible to a user over a public network; and

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- (b) controlling access to the database based upon a mutually agreed-upon criteria between a provider of the database service and the user.
- 30. The method of claim 29 wherein the mutually agreed-upon criteria is cost-based.
- 31. The method of claim 29 wherein the mutually agreed upon criteria is time-based.
 - 32. The method of claim 29 wherein the browser provides commands utilizing

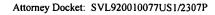
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hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.

33. The method of claim 29 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface (UI) application that is executed on a web application platform.

34. The method of claim 33 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.

- 35. The method of claim 34 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.
- 36. A computer readable medium containing program instructions for utilizing a database as a service, the program instructions for:
 - (a) making the database accessible to a user over a public network; and
- (b) controlling access to the database based upon a mutually agreed-upon criteria between a provider of the database service and the user.
- 37. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the mutually agreed-upon criteria is cost-based.
 - 38. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the mutually agreed upon



criteria is time-based.

- 39. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the browser provides commands utilizing hypertext mark up language (HTML) code.
- 40. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the database is accessed utilizing a user interface (UI) application that is executed on a web application platform.
- 41. The computer readable medium of claim 40 wherein the UI application extracts database commands from a web server and presents the database commands to the database.
- 42. The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.
- 43. The method of claim 2 wherein the UI application combines database commands with control commands from the database and provides the HTML code to the web server.